

for examination and report. The recommendations made in the report of the Standing Committee are being examined.

Upliftment of minority communities

637. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the action taken to uplift the status of minority communities regarding their educational, social-welfare, economical and employment status etc. before and after the receipt of Sachar Committee Report, in Bihar and other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): In June, 2006, the Prime Minister's new 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities has been announced which provides for enhancing opportunities for education, equitable share in economic activities and employment; improving the conditions of living of minorities, and wherever possible, earmarking of 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes for minorities. This programme is for the entire country.

Increasing incidents among minority community

**†638. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that incidents related to extravagance and dowry in marriages, and also female foeticide are on the rise among the minority community;

(b) whether Government are aware of the reports submitted by the Muslim Personal Law Board and Bhartiya Janwadi Mahila Samiti in this regard;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof;

(d) whether any action plan has been prepared by his Ministry to remove the evils prevailing in minority community; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.